

Robert John Walker to Andrew Jackson, January 10, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

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Washington, January 10, 1844.

Dear Sir, I write to you confidentially and in haste. I think the annexation of Texas depends on you. Much as you have done for your country, this would be the crowning act. It seems, your old friend, Samuel Houston, President of Texas, believes, that if he made a treaty with this Administration, it would be regarded as an administration measure, and fail. This is a great mistake. I believe the measure would receive the vote of nearly every democrat in the senate, and many whigs, and I think would succeed. But delay the measure one or two years, and Texas is lost forever. May I then request you to write by the first mail to President Houston, and urge him to give the Texan Charge instructions to make a treaty of annexation, or at least to make such a treaty, if he believes it would succeed.

The bill refunding the fine, so unjustly imposed on you by Judge Hall, has passed the House, and was, on my motion, referred to the Judiciary Committee of the senate, of which I am a member, and I hope to be enabled to report it immediately, and that it will have passed, without any proviso, before this letter reaches you. It is now more than twenty years, since I had the honor to present your name, for the Presidency, to 0280 256 the first democratic meeting in the union, and to have supported you from that day to this, and as I grow older, I feel every day, increased, and increasing confidence, in the wisdom of the great measures of your administration.